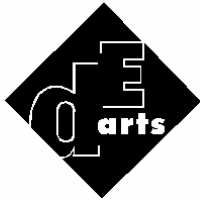


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## **News Release**

### **MEZZANINE GALLERY—*LET'S DANCE* BY CARSON ZULLINGER**

(Wilmington, Delaware—May 16, 2006)—Wilmington photographer, Carson Zullinger, will be exhibiting his photographs in the Delaware Division of the Arts Mezzanine Gallery in the Carvel State Office Building, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, from June 1–July 21, 2006. There will be a reception to meet the artist on Friday, June 2, from 5–8 p.m. during Wilmington's Art Loop.

Zullinger is presenting work documenting the “strange, wonderful, and exhilarating” ballroom dance competitions from the last six years. Following the dancers around, Zullinger has had the opportunity to get to know the competitors and their families. In the United States, the sport is dominated by Russian and Eastern European immigrants who are searching for a better life.



Valentin Chemerkovskly and Valeria Kozharinova  
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Describing his photographs, Zullinger states, “The images I have created interpret not only the beauty and athleticism of the dance, but also the joy, the pathos, and the drama.” He not only records the action on the dance floor, but creates intimate portraits of the dancers. By using slow shutter speeds, he gets a blurred effect in many of the images that captures the highly charged atmosphere and explosive energy level of the competitors.

Zullinger exhibits his work in the region; and his photographs are included in the Delaware Art Museum’s collection, as well as corporate and private collections. He is a Delaware Individual Artist Fellow in Photography.

The Mezzanine Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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